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## Park Authority Adopts First Cultural Resource Management Plan

The Fairfax County Park Authority Board adopted its first Cultural Resource Management Plan (CRMP) on April 26, 2006. This plan, shaped over the past year in a collaborative effort with various stakeholders, was created to guide the agency in preserving and managing cultural resources on parkland and county-wide over the next five years.

The plan identifies 48 issues in 11 topic areas concerning management and protection of cultural resources. The areas include (1) planning, (2) archaeology, (3) Civil War sites, (4) artifacts and collections, (5) historic buildings, structures, objects and traditional cultural properties, (6) Fairfax County Historic Overlay Districts, (7) listings, (8) cemeteries, (9) cultural landscapes, (10) the human impact on cultural resources and (11) stewardship education. The CRMP proposes strategies to address each of the issues.

Overall, the focus of the plan involves engaging partner organizations, volunteers and the community in developing methods to manage Fairfax County's cultural resources. The plan's adoption is a first step in protecting these important community treasures and also brings to the forefront the need for additional financial resources necessary to fully achieve effective management of cultural resources.

For more information about this plan or to request a copy of the plan, please contact the Cultural Resource Management and Protection Section at 703-534-3881. You can also access this document online at <a href="http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/GMP/crmp.htm">http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/GMP/crmp.htm</a>.

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